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## APPLICANT REVIEW PANEL

## PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

April 30, 2010

Ms. Spano served as Chair and called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Roll call was taken with all members present: Ms. Spano, Mr. Ahmadi, and Ms. Camacho

After soliciting public comment and receiving none, Ms. Spano moved to adopt as written the minutes of the April 19, 2010, panel meeting. Ms. Camacho seconded. There being no public comment or opposition, the motion passed.

The panel discussed the timeline and the selection process. Ms. Spano reported that the panel may need to review as many as 4,800 applications. The panel stressed that they are diligently working many hours to review the applications. Ms. Spano reported that each panel member has been assigned his or her own team of BSA staff members to assist in the review of the applications and make recommendations to panel members, though panel members make all decisions regarding whether to retain or eliminate an applicant from the applicant pool. Each team of staff may communicate only within the team in order to comply with open meeting act requirements. The panel agreed that they will meet their statutory deadline of October 1, 2010, and indicated that they hope to identify the 300-500 most qualified and diverse applicants in June. Several members of the public provided comment.

Each member of the panel, without discussing applicants by name, described the qualities and characteristics the panelist would like to see in an ideal applicant. The panelists emphasized that they are strictly adhering to open meeting act requirements. The panel discussed the manner in which each of them is applying the regulations relating to ability to be impartial, appreciation for California's diversity and geography, and relevant analytical skills, which the panel has identified as the core qualifications applicants must possess. Throughout their discussion the panel members solicited and received several comments from the public.

The panel accepted public comment on items not on the agenda, including one written comment, which was submitted prior to the meeting by the Greenlining Institute and made available to the public during the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

***For full transcripts of this meeting, please refer to the website:***

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